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| | : | Unit: 2172 |
| For: LONGEST PREFIX MATCH (LPM) | : | |
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In the Remarks:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003.

Claims 1-24 and 35-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,404,752 issued to Allen Jr. et al.

In response to the rejection, a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 is filed with this Amendment. The Declaration (3 forms) is executed by all, except Antonios Maragkos of the co-inventors. Antonios Maragkos is no longer an employee of IBM, assignee, of the above identified